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SUBJ: PRAVDA AGRICULTURAL EDITORIAL

1. FRONT PAGE AGRICULTURAL EDITORIAL APPEARED IN YESTER-

DAY'S PRAVDA. AS COULD BE EXPECTED, ITS EMPHASIS WAS ON
LIVESTOCK AND IT CONTAINED FACTUAL INDICATIONS OF IMPROVED
OUTLOOK FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCT SUPPLIES; PLEDGES OF SOCIAL-

IZED SECTOR FOR HIGHER OUTPUT; EXHORTATIONS TO NOW INVOLVED
SECTORS FOR INCREASED ENDEAVORS AND ANBTOUSUAL# CRITICISM

FOR INDIVIDUAL INSTANCES OF POOR PERFORMANCE.

2. ARTICLE CARRIED NO INDICATIONS OF NEW POLICY DIRECTIONS
BY PARTY OR GOVERNMENT. REFERENCE, HOWEVER, WAS MADE TO
RECENT BREZHNEV SPEECH TO 16TH TUC IN WHICH THE GENERAL
SECRETARY ADMITS TO THE NEED FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION IN
1977 FOR ALL BASIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.

3. ONLY IMPORTANT INFORMATION MENTIONED ON CURRENT
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SITUATION, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN, WAS THAT
STATE PURCHASES OF MILK AND EGGS FOR THE FIRST
QUARTER WERE UP 12 AND 10 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY,
OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THIS REFLECTS CON-
TINUED UPTREND IN OUTPUT OF BOTH OF THESE COMMODI-
TIES IN MARCH. NO MENTION IS MADE OF MEAT PRODUCTION,
PRESUMABLY BECAUSE JANUARY THROUGH MARCH OUTPUT COM-

PARISONS FOR THE TWO YEARS ARE UNFAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH WE ANTICIPATE THAT MARCH MEAT OUTPUT SHOWED IMPROVEMENT.

4. COMMENT: AN AGRICULTURAL EDITORIAL OR ARTICLE OR TWO IN SPRING ARE TO BE EXPECTED. NOTEWORTHY IS THIS YEAR'S STRESS ON LIVESTOCK SITUATION. AGAIN, IT WOULD APPEAR DUE CONTINUING MEAT PROBLEMS THAT FURTHER CONFESSION IS NOT ONLY GOOD FOR THE SOUL, BUT ALSO CONSIDERED NECESSARY, ALONG WITH A SHOW OF ACTION AND SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

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